

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In the past 20 years medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction.

WHEREAS, Addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

WHEREAS, Substance use and addiction results in huge societal and economic costs. It was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the United States is \$276 billion a year. Clearly, the toll substance abuse takes on the family and friends of the individual battling with addiction is immeasurable. But recovery is possible. Every day in every part of the United States, men, women, and youth are entering treatment and beginning the road to recovery and families seek hope and recovery in support programs and counseling in Elkhart, Indiana.

WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in recovery, and recognizes those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover from addiction. This year, the national campaign focuses on supporting those in addiction treatment and recovery and those they directly or indirectly impact. It embraces the theme "We Recover Together: Family, Friends, and Community."

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment invite all residents of Elkhart, Indiana to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Miller, Mayor of the City of Elkhart, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2001 as: National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Elkhart, Indiana and encourage all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and to support community treatment programs.



David L. Miller
David L Miller, Mayor
City of Elkhart